COMMONLY USED ACRONYMS

**Associations, Agencies, & Organizations**

AMWA – American Medical Writers Association
COPE – Committee on Publication Ethics
CRO – Contract research organization
DDMAC – Division of Drug Marketing, Advertising, and Communications
DIA – Drug Information Agency
DMC – Data Monitoring Committee or Data Safety and Monitoring Board (DSMB)
EFPIA – The European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations
EMA – European Medicines Agency
EMWA – European Medical Writers Association
FDA – US Food and Drug Administration
ICMJE – International Committee of Medical Journal Editors
ISMPP – International Society for Medical Publication Professionals
MPIP – Medical Publishing Insights and Practices
NIH – National Institutes of Health
NLM – National Library of Medicine
PhRMA – The Pharmaceutical Researchers and Manufacturers of America
TIPPA – The International Publication Planning Association

**Clinical Research Terminology**

AE – Adverse event
BLA – Biologic License Application
CI – Confidence Interval
CIA – Corporate integrity agreement
CSR – Clinical study report
FDAAA – Food and Drug Administration Amendments Act of 2007
FDAMA – Food and Drug Administration Modernization Act
HCPs – Healthcare professionals
HEOR – Health economics and outcomes research
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HMO – Health management organization
IND – Investigational New Drug Application
IRB – Institutional Review Board
ITT – Intent-to-treat analysis
MSL – Medical science liaison

ISMPP CMPP™ Mentor Program
NDA – New Drug Application

OTC – Over-the-counter drugs

PDUFA – Prescription Drug User Fee Act

PI – Prescribing information

PPI – Patient package insert

PPO – Preferred provider organization

PRO – Patient-reported outcomes

R&D – Research and development

REMS – Risk evaluation and mitigation strategy

sNDA – Supplemental New Drug Application

**Publication Related Terminology**

COI – Conflict of interest

CONSORT – Consolidated Standards for Reporting Trials

DOI – Digital object identifier

GPP – Good Publication Practice

JCR – Journal Citation Reports

MOOSE – Meta-analysis of Observational Studies in Epidemiology

PLS – Plain Language Summary

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PLSP – Plain Language Summary Publication

PRISMA – Preferred Reporting Items for Systematic Reviews and Meta-Analyses (formerly QUORUM)

QALY – Quality-adjusted life-year

QUOROM – Quality of Reporting of Meta-analyses

RCT – Randomized controlled trial

STARD – Standards for Reporting of Diagnostic Accuracy

SWOT – Strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats